

The fears I expressed earlier regarding the negative effects of media consolidation have now been illustrated in a very real situation.

Sinclair Broadcasting is forcing their stations to pre-empt regular programming to air an anti-Kerry documentary in these waning days before the election.

The public airwaves should be used to serve the public, not a single political party or candidate. Further, Sinclair's stations should be presenting local perspectives on the issues and candidates involved (all candidates, not just one), rather than a consolidated, nationwide statement that seems to represent Sinclair's official position in this election.

This situation makes clear the importance of stronger ownership regulations and a more stringent licensing renewal process.

Thank you for your consideration.